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SUBJECT: HEAD OF LIBYA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD: U.S.-LIBYA RELATIONS NOT JUST ABOUT OIL REF: TRIPOLI 227

CLASSIFIED BY: Chris Stevens, CDA, Embassy Tripoli, Department of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

¶1. (C) Summary: The head of Libya's national economic planning apparatus and the effort to implement Muammar al-Qadhafi's vision for government of Libya: "PRECIOUS" IN TERMS OF OIL RESERVES AND STRATEGIC LOCATION

¶2. (C) Visiting NEA/MAG Director Stephanie Williams met with Dr. Mahmoud Jibril, Chair of Libya's Economic Development Board and head of the U.S.-LIBYA RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE REASSESSED: IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT OIL

¶3. (C) Arguing that the U.S.-Libya relationship needs "a common frame of reference", Jibril offered that the U.S. approaches relationships as

¶4. (C) Arguing that there had been "too much talk and not enough deeds" in the U.S.-Libya relationship since ties were re-established in 2004,

¶5. (C) Responding to a question about how the global financial crisis was affecting Libya's plans for government restructuring and privatization:
1) a one to three year dip in oil prices and a global recession;
2) a global recession leading to a depression; and,
3) a global recession and a relatively quick recovery. He believed global stability could be achieved within one to three years, but predicted

¶6. (C) Responding to the assertion that potential investors in Libya are confused about myriad, ill-defined plans for restructuring and privatization, ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION, EDUCATION REFORM & HUMAN CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ARE KEY

¶7. (C) Dr. Jibril said he expected oil prices to pick up, but not to reach the USD100/barrel mark. He took this as a sign that Libya needs

¶8. (C) Jibril said Libya is looking for U.S. companies with which to partner in all technology development, hospital management and human resources

¶9. (C) Jibril also outlined a program of Digital Video Conferences (DVC's) the EDB was coordinating with Georgetown, Princeton, Harvard and Y STEVENS